

In the within Amendment, applicant has canceled claims 49-54, and has amended claims 23-25, 28, 29, 31-33, 35-48 and 55-60. Claims 1-48 and 55-63 are pending, wherein claims 1-22 stand allowed.

A. CLAIMS 23-27, 53, and 57-59 ARE NOT ANTICIPATED BY YOSHIMURA

As amended herein, claim 23 is directed to a method that forms a multi-coating pattern onto a base substrate , in which edge alignment is achieved without mechanical alteration to an applied coating, and wherein modification is made to a portion of the first coating that is beneath the second coating to alter a characteristic of the first coating.

Examples of such first coating modification are shown in Figs. 9B and 9C, Figs. 10A-10B, Fig. 18, inter alia.

Amended claim 23 thus includes at least one step not found in Yoshimura, and is not anticipated by this reference. Dependent claims 24-27, 53, and 56-59 depend from amended claim 23 and are also not anticipated by Yoshimura. Applicant submits that Yoshimura must be withdrawn as a 35 USC § 102 reference against these claims.

B. CLAIMS 28-52, 54-56, AND 60-63 ARE NOT ANTICIPATED BY HILL

Amended claim 28 explicitly recites that applicant forms a laminate pattern of coatings on a material achieving alignment between at least two successive coatings without mechanical alteration of the base, which forms a substrate for the material, or of the coatings. Applicant submits that amended claim 28 includes at least one step not found in Hill. Thus, neither amended independent claim 28, nor claims 29-31, 47, and 56-59, which depend from claim 28, are anticipated by Hill.

Amended claim 32 explicitly recites that applicant provides a base that forms a support substrate for a panel that creates alignment during fabrication without recourse to mechanical alteration to the applied coatings. So amended, applicant submits that independent claim 32 recites method steps not found in the Hill reference. Further, claims 33-35 depend from amended claim 32 and similarly are not anticipated by Hill.

Amended claim 36 is directed to a cooking article of manufacture, for example an article such as depicted in Fig. 26, which exemplary figure is described at col. 49, lines 38, spanning col. 50, line 12. Applicant submits that amended claim 36 includes elements

not disclosed in the Hill reference, and thus not anticipated by Hill. Further, claims 37-42 depend from amended claim 36 and are similarly not anticipated by Hill. Applicant submits that claims 36-42 are patentable over Hill.

Amended claim 43 is directed to a window-like article of manufacture, such as depicted in Figs. 30A and 30B, and described at col. 53, lines 14 spanning col. 54, lines 1-7. Applicant submits that neither amended claim 43, nor dependent claims 44-46, 48 and 55 are anticipated by Hill, and are thus patentable thereover.

Amended claim 60 forms a laminate pattern of coatings onto a material such that successive coatings are aligned along at least one defined edge as well as at area of the successive coatings that are not immediately adjacent the edge. Alignment is achieved recourse to mechanical alteration of the coatings. So amended, claim 60 includes at least one method step not found in Hill, and is thus not anticipated by Hill. Further, claims 61-63 depend from amended claim 60 and are similarly not anticipated by Hill.

CONCLUSION

Claims 1-22 stand allowed. Claims 23-48 and 55-63 are patentable over the references of record, and should be passed to allowance at this time.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required, including extension fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2319 (Our Order No. 468824-00003 [RI-69912/MAK]).

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